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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for auction brokerage service provided by a computer that resides between an information terminal of a user and auction servers to perform brokerage operation for an auction, the method comprising steps of:

~~extracting~~ selecting information of said auction servers suitable for the user's conditions from among stored information related to said auction servers, in response to a request from said information terminal;

transmitting an auction registration request to each of the auction servers that have been selected by the user from among the selected ~~extracted~~ auction servers to receive a notification that an auctioned commodity of the user has been registered at the auction servers;

receiving auction result information from the selected auction servers; and

notifying said information terminal of the auction result information and outputting the auction result,

wherein said auction servers are other brokerage computers which accept bids from a plurality of information terminals for the auctioned commodity.

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2. (Previously Presented) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of gathering trade information of how the auctioned commodity has been bid for at the selected auction servers and notifying the other selected auction sites of the highest tendered price of the bids in order to adjust the bid prices to the highest price over all the auction sites .

3. (Previously Presented) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a step of requesting the selected auction servers to alter the desired price specified by the user according to the user's instruction when the computer has found that there is no bid for the commodity at any relevant auction sites by the date specified by the user.

4. (Previously Presented) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a step of notifying the other auction sites of canceling the registration of the commodity but an auction site with which the trade has concluded.

5. (Previously Presented) A method executed by a brokerage computer residing between a user computer of an auction user and auction computers of auction organizers to perform brokerage operation for auctions, the method comprising steps of:

- (a) receiving information about an auctioned commodity and at least one specified auction organizer from the user computer;
- (b) sending the information about the auctioned commodity to the auction computers of

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the specified auction organizers;

(c) gathering trade information of how the auctioned commodity has been bid for at the specified auction sites;

(d) notifying the other auction computers of the highest bid price of the bid prices in order to adjust the bid prices to the highest price over all the auction computers; and

(e) taking an action in accordance with conditions specified by the user computer if the brokerage computer has found that there is no bid for the commodity at any auction computers by the date specified by the user including notifying said user computer of the auction result information and outputting the auction result ,

wherein said auction computers are other brokerage computers which accept bids from a plurality of other user computers for the auctioned commodity.

6. (Previously Presented) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a step of requesting the auction sites to alter the desired price specified by the user according to the instruction of the auction user if no bid has been found by the specified date.

7. (Currently Amended) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a step of notifying the other auction sites of canceling the registration of the commodity ~~but~~ by an auction site with which the trade has concluded.

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8. (Previously Presented) A computer for residing between an information terminal of a user and auction servers to perform brokerage service for an auction, said computer comprising:

(a) means for receiving information about an auctioned commodity and at least one specified auction server from said information terminal;

(b) means for sending the information about the auctioned commodity to the specified auction servers;

(c) means for gathering trade information of how the auctioned commodity has been bid for at the specified auction servers;

(d) means for notifying the other auction servers of the highest bidding price among all bidding prices in order to adjust the bidding prices to the highest price over all the auction servers; and

(e) means for taking an action in accordance with conditions specified by said information terminal if the computer has found that there is no bid for the commodity at any auction servers by the date specified by the user including notifying said information terminal of the auction result information and outputting the auction result,

wherein said auction servers are other brokerage computers which accept bids from a plurality of information terminals for the auctioned commodity.

9. (Previously Presented) The computer as claimed in claim 8, wherein said means for taking the action further comprises means for requesting the auction servers to alter the

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desired price specified by the user according to the instruction of the user if no bid has been found by the specified date.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer as claimed in claim 8, further comprising means for notifying the other auction servers of canceling the registration of the commodity but an auction server with which the trade has concluded.